

Remarks

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed September 18, 2007. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9 have been canceled. Claims 21-31 remain pending.

Allowed Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 21-31 are allowed. All other claims have been canceled.

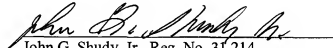
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9 are rejected as being unpatentable over Wise et al. (US 6,838,640), Rounbehler et al. (US 5,300,758), and Philips et al. (US 5,196,039). Applicants do not concede the correctness of the rejection; however, in the interest of furthering prosecution, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 9 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

It is submitted that, in light of the above remarks, all pending claims (21-31) are now in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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